Many wrinkles are actually creases that have been worn into the skin by making the same expression thousands of times. These are called "expression lines" or dynamic wrinkles. Typical dynamic wrinkles include frown lines between the eyebrows, crow’s feet around the eyes, and forehead lines. The presence of these wrinkles can add years to our appearance, often making us look angry, tired or worried when we are not.

Neurotoxin injections are a remarkably safe and effective treatment which can help you to control your facial expressions so that you don’t look angry or worried when you aren’t. Neurotoxin injections treatments can help to prevent the unintended display of negative feelings, and in this way help some people to express themselves more accurately.

Dr. Searles is acertified Cosmetic and Therapeutic Injector.

While you may have earned every one of your worry lines, you don’t have to show them if you don’t want to! If dynamic wrinkles are starting to make you look older or more negative, Neurotoxin injections can help restore the rested, confident appearance you desire.

Please call: 780/424-4464 if you have questions about Neurotoxin injections, or to arrange a prompt, confidential consultation and treatment.

No referral is needed for Neurotoxin injections treatment.

Neurotoxin injections treatments also provide a safe, non-surgical alternative for the reduction of laugh lines, neck folds, and chin creases.

Neurotoxin injections has been used safely and effectively for over fifteen years in adults and even in small children to treat many medical conditions where overactive muscles require relaxation. Each year tens of thousands of patients receive Neurotoxin injections treatments for a variety of medical conditions, and Neurotoxin injections has also become a leading treatment for reversing some of the visible signs of aging by relaxing the muscles which cause many of our wrinkles. Neurotoxin injections is also becoming a leading treatment for excessive sweating, and for migraine and tension headaches.
Q&A

What are Neurotoxin injections?

Neurotoxin injections are a highly purified, naturally occurring protein which has the ability to very precisely relax the muscles to which it is applied. This relaxation lasts for a number of months, and then the treated muscles gradually return to their original condition.

Neurotoxin injections does not affect the nerves responsible for sensation, so there is no numbness in the treated areas.

You can stop Neurotoxin injections treatments at any time and be confident that you will gradually return to your pre-treatment appearance. If you have Neurotoxin injections treatments for several years, you may find that the clock will slow down or stop in the treated areas, in particular if you are careful to protect that skin from sun exposure and smoke.

How does Neurotoxin injections Work?

The benefits of Neurotoxin injections on wrinkles come from ability of Neurotoxin injections to selectively and precisely relax the muscles which are causing wrinkles to occur. The skin over the treated muscles gradually becomes smoother and less wrinkled as the muscles relax.

A common use for Neurotoxin injections is to reduce (often by 70-80% or more) the really deep furrows and lines that many people have between their eyebrows. These lines can make people look quite angry or concerned, even when they are happy. Crow’s feet around the eyes can also add years to your appearance, and make you look like you are squinting much of the time. Crow’s feet usually improve nicely when the muscles which cause the crow’s feet are treated with a bit of Neurotoxin injections.

The treated muscles usually start to relax within a day or two, and reach their maximum degree of relaxation within a couple of weeks. About 2-4 months after the first treatment, the effects of the Neurotoxin injections gradually start to wear off. If you liked the effect of your Neurotoxin injections treatment (and almost everyone DOES like it), you will want to return for another treatment when the Neurotoxin injections effect starts to wear off.

If you have a second treatment before the treated muscles have returned to their old bad habits, your second treatment will usually last longer (perhaps 3-5 months, instead of 2-4 months). Likewise, if you have your third Neurotoxin injections treatment when you notice that the second treatment is starting to wear off, the third treatment may last 5-6 months instead of 3-5 months. Some people who maintain their Neurotoxin injections find after a couple of years that they can go 6-12 months between treatments.

Untreated facial muscles continue to contract in their usual way, so that normal facial expression is unaffected. Because it relaxes the muscles that cause dynamic wrinkles, Neurotoxin injections treatments can also prevent new lines from forming in the areas on your face, forehead and neck which are treated.

Does Neurotoxin injections work for all kinds of wrinkles and skin folds?

Not all facial wrinkles are related only to activity of underlying muscles. These deep creases and skin folds (also known as static wrinkles) are the ones that can still be seen when the skin is lightly stretched with your fingers. Static wrinkles are made worse by sun exposure, by the natural maturing process, and in particular by smoking. Many static wrinkles result from a combination of muscle activity and aging, and can be greatly improved when Neurotoxin injections (to relax the underlying muscles) is used in combination with filling substances like Hyaluronic Acid Fillers.

For people who have had chemical/laser peels and injections of collagen, hyaluronic acid fillers, Neurotoxin injections can prevent or delay the development of new wrinkles and furrows, and so can reduce the long-term need for additional laser resurfacing and for injection of filling substances. In some cases, Neurotoxin injections can be used to delay or eliminate the need for a surgical procedure like a facelift, browlift or necklift; and Neurotoxin injections (by reducing muscle activity which might undo the surgeon’s fine work) can be used to prolong and enhance the effects of those procedures if you have already had them done.
What is Neurotoxin injections treatment like?

Neurotoxin injections treatments are gentle and quick. No sedation or local anesthetic is required, so you will be able to continue with all of your usual activities immediately after your treatment. You can certainly drive yourself home or back to the office.

Neurotoxin injections treatments take only a few minutes, and performed personally by Dr. Searles, using the finest 31 gauge needles to maximize your comfort.

A small amount of discomfort may be felt when the needle is inserted and a few drops of Neurotoxin injections are applied to exactly the muscles which need relaxation. This sensation lasts approximately 5 seconds. Many patients are pleasantly surprised by the lack of discomfort, in particular when they are treated with the very fine and smooth 31 gauge needles.

Occasional patients experience a slight temporary bruising, perhaps the size of their baby fingernail, at an injection site. This can be hidden with cover up, and fades away in a few days.

How much do Neurotoxin injections treatments cost?

In Canada, Neurotoxin is not expensive; however there is a cost involved. Many cosmetic treatments were once considered a luxury item only for those who had a high disposable income. Neurotoxin is very affordable even for those with modest incomes, but some people need to budget for it just as they would for buying accessories like shoes and having their hair styled.

Fees are per treatment session, plus GST, and can be paid at the time of treatment with Interac, Visa, MasterCard, or cash. No cheques please.

What are the possible side effects?

There have been no long-term side effects, allergic reactions or health hazards related to Neurotoxin injections use thus far. Some patients have been getting Neurotoxin injections treatments for more than 10 years, with no problems.

Are there people who should not use Neurotoxin injections?

People who are pregnant, breast feeding, have rare neurological disorders like Eaton-Lambert syndrome or myasthenia gravis, or who are allergic to albumin should generally not be treated with Neurotoxin injections.

Consultations about treatment with Neurotoxin injections can usually be arranged within two or three weeks simply by calling our booking line: (780) 424-4464. Treatment can be done the same day as the consultation, if you wish.

Our staff can take the time to discuss your wishes and options, and answer your questions.

No referral is required.

Professional services provided by appointment only. The prices quoted are subject to change without notice. Dr. Searles and his team will be able to provide you with the current prices at the time of the consultation.

Dr. Searles does not charge a fee for aesthetic consultation. Consultations can usually be arranged within a week or two. Treatment may be scheduled for the same day as the consultation if there is a time slot that is convenient for you, or may be scheduled for a later date.

Consultations about Neurotoxin injections can usually be arranged simply by calling our booking line at 780/424-4464 where our staff can take the time to discuss your wishes and options, and answer your questions. No referral is required.

Dr. Searles and his staff can offer you professional advice on our series of specialized treatments. We realize that your needs are unique to you, and will assist in recommending the best treatments to address your individual needs.

We are dedicated to providing you with professional, expert care and services from start to finish. Our staff can take the time to discuss your wishes and options, and answer your questions.
About Dr. Searles...

Dr. Searles is dually certified by the Royal College of Physicians of Canada in both Internal Medicine and Dermatology. He has been honoured to be elected as a Fellow of the prestigious American College of Physicians. He is a member of numerous National and International medical organizations devoted to the discovery and application of new ideas and techniques for treating medical and esthetic skin conditions.

Dr. Searles is a Clinical Professor in Medicine at the University of Alberta, and is the Director of Resident Training for Dermatology.

Dr. Gordon Searles’ primary mission is to deliver the best care possible through the use of the latest advances in medical research and new technologies.

Getting to Know your Options through the Consultation Process

Aesthetic dermatology, laser services and healthy skincare are the most effective ways to enhance your natural beauty and to prevent further skin damage. Dr. Searles and his team of trained nursing staff and Certified Laser Technicians provide consultations for all cosmetic and laser procedures along with advanced skincare offered at our office.

A consultation includes a complete evaluation of your skin history, depicting your skin care concerns and goals, and a treatment and skincare regimen based on those areas evaluated. The treatment and skincare options will be described in-depth to you so that you understand all the necessary information for beginning the recommended regimen. This information includes, but is not limited to, description of the treatment, pre- and post-treatment protocols, risks and side effects, costs, and before and after examples.

If an area of concern is not treatable with the technology and therapies available at Searles Dermatology & Aesthetics, we will refer you to a qualified professional in that field.

The consultation is designed to provide you with all the information necessary for you to feel most comfortable in receiving the benefits of these treatments and skincare programs.

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